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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

RAJEWSKI ET AL.

Examiner

JAMES GOLOBOY

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2010 and 15 December 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 and 12-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 5, 7, 10, 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's affidavit filed 12/15/10 has been considered. A new ground of rejection has been set forth below in light of the affidavit.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 1-2, 5, 7, 10, and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaneko in view of Takashima (JP 11-335684)

In column 1 lines 8-22 Kaneko discloses a refrigerating oil composition, and in column 1 lines 24-28 and the examples teaches that the composition is used in a gas compressor, as recited in claims 1 and 13. In column 1 lines 8-15 Kaneko teaches that the composition can be used in conjunction with hydrofluorocarbon or ammonia coolants, meeting the limitations of claims 2, 7, and 14. In column 24 lines 24-26 Kaneko teaches that the base oil can be a polyalphaolefin or alkylbenzene, meeting the limitations of claims 5 and 10. Kaneko does not disclose the inclusion of the claimed polymer in the composition.

A machine translation of Takashima, which is attached, has been used in setting forth this rejection. In paragraph 7 Takashima discloses a lubricating oil composition for gas compressors comprising a viscosity index improver. In paragraphs 42-61 Takashima discusses the viscosity index improver, which is a copolymer of a first monomer (paragraphs 42-45) and a second nitrogen-containing monomer. In paragraphs 44 and 51-52 Takashima discloses a first monomer (formula 6), which can be a C2 to C8 branched olefin. In paragraph 60 Takashima discloses that the mole

percent of the first monomer is generally between 80 and 95%, within the range recited in claims 1 and 13, and in paragraph 61 discloses that the average molecular weight ranges from 1,000 to 300,000, overlapping the range recited in claims 1 and 13. IN Table 1 (paragraph 90) Kaneko discloses compositions comprising 0.1 or 0.2% by weight of the additive, within the ranges recited in claims 1 and 13. The inclusion of the viscosity index improver of Takashima in the gas compressor lubricant composition of Kaneko therefore meets the limitations of claims 1-2, 5, 7, 10, and 12-14.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include the dispersant-viscosity index improver copolymer of Takashima in the composition of Kaneko, as Takashima discloses that it is a useful additive for gas compressor lubricants.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant has submitted a declaration dated 11/23/10 and signed by Lilje, arguing that viscosity index improvers are not added to gas compressor oils and one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Kaneko and Yagishita. In response to this argument, a new ground of rejection over Kaneko and Takashima has been set forth above. Takashima explicitly discloses a gas compressor composition comprising a dispersant-viscosity index copolymer meeting the limitations of the claimed additive.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES GOLOBOY whose telephone number is (571)272-2476. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on 571-272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/James Goloboy/
Examiner, Art Unit 1771